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DO YOU WANT A HOUSE?

THINK I CAN SUIT YOU WITH OTHERS IF NOT THESE
Double dwelling rented for \$7.00 per month, with about 21 acres land adjoining Middletown. Price only \$600.00. Room to build 20 more houses. Get after this quick.

Splendid 8 room dwelling with bath-room and toilet, well located, lot 400 ft. front running back to alley. Price \$2,100.00. Nice home.

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On First Mortgages at 5 Per Cent. Pay off your old mortgage if you are paying over 5 Per Cent. an 1 get some of this money. A dollar saved is a dollar made.

Farm of 285 acres 1 mile from Townsend with buildings worth over \$5,000.00. Splendid land and an elegant home. 30 acres in wheat, farm well watered. Price only \$18,000.00. This is the lucky number and it is a big price. Only about \$45.00 per acre for this well located and beautiful farm.

DO YOU WANT A FARM?

HERE ARE SOME BARGAINS

No. 49—105 Acres beautiful land not over 3 miles from Middletown. Buildings large and good. Splendid location. Elegant land. Price only \$10,000. Nothing to match it around here.

No. 55—Stock and Fruit Farm one-half mile from R. R. Station, containing 240 Acres. 180 Acres in cultivation, 40 Acres Splendid Stock Meadow, 40 Acres in good young timber. Good buildings. 1000 splendid young peach trees in bearing. Good apple orchard.

PRICE ONLY \$3,000

Terms to suit purchaser. Sold once for \$12,000. Get after this soon as possible.

Still Another Bargain Coming this way—Farm of 156 Acres, 2 miles from Townsend, the price won't hurt you. \$2500 will buy it, and terms to suit. 800 Peach Trees, 100 Apple Trees. Fair Buildings. Look this up quick.

80 Acres beautiful land close to State road, on road leading from St. Georges to Port Penn, with large brick house and frame outbuildings. Price only \$3,000. Terms easy. So many want small farms. You better look at this quick.

255 Acres splendid land with good buildings, well fenced and every field watered. Situated 14 miles from Wilmington R. R. Station, on farm. Price only \$9,000. Splendid stock, fruit, truck or dairy farm. Best of markets within driving distance. Quit renting and buy this elegant home.

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The only form of food made from wheat that is all nutriment is the soda cracker, and yet—the only soda cracker of which this is really true is

Unedea Biscuit

The only soda cracker scientifically baked.

The only soda cracker effectually protected.

The only soda cracker ever fresh, crisp and clean.

The only soda cracker good at all times.

5¢ In a dust tight, moisture proof package.

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Entirely free from opiates, iodide of potash or mercury. A powerful tonic in building up the weak or debilitated.

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will positively cure Acute, Chronic, Inflammatory, Sciatica, Rheumatism or Lumbago—Price, liquid (large bottle) \$1.00. Tablets, 50c. Beware of substitution. When you ask for a Penn Remedy "See that our trade mark," the Head and Bust of Wm. Penn is on the package. None other genuine. Send for free pamphlet to Penn Drug Co., Philadelphia, Pa. For sale by

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GREAT SACRIFICE SALE!

AT

DeVALINGER'S CASH STORE, TOWNSEND, DELAWARE.

Owing to lack of room we are compelled to put the knife deep in the prices of our staple stock to make room for our holiday goods. A few prices quoted below should convince you of the great saving to be made at this sale.

Best Headlight Oil, Saturday only,	6c gal
3 fine fat Mackerel,	5c
8c unbleached Muslin, cut to	6c yd
This is a decided bargain.	
Ladies' fine dress Shoes,	\$1.00

Good Things In Shoes

Men's Waterproof Shoes guaranteed to keep the feet dry or your money back at \$2.75. We mean just what we say on this shoe.

Men's fine \$3.50 Calf Skin Boots cut to \$2.50. These are great bargains only a few left.

Men's high top oil tanned at \$2.00. They wear like iron.

Ladies' warm lined shoes, \$1.25. Just the thing to prevent cold this changeable weather.

Men's \$2.50 boots cut for this sale to \$2.00.

Quilts and Blankets

We have brought our quilts and blankets into this great sacrifice sale.

\$1.00 quilts cut to .75c

\$1.25 quilts cut to .90c

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\$2.00 quilts cut to .90c

\$1.00 blankets cut to .65c

Meat Department

Our own make scrapple.....6c

Good tender juicy steak 2 pounds 25c

Our own make sausage 2 pounds 25c

Salt pork10c pound

Picnic hams10c pound

Pork chops 2 pounds for 25c

Peerless creamery butter our specialty

Good mince meat 3 pounds for 25c

Our own make mince meat 10c lb. Pure and wholesome.

Best pearl hominy.....4c quart

Best large, new, meaty prunes 5c pound.

New lima beans.....10c quart

Best clean soap.....4c

Pure Porto Rico baking molasses 9c quart.

Pure lard.....10c pound

Clothing Bargains

There are some very rare bargains in our clothing department.

Men's \$6.00 suits cut to \$3.50

These are made of fine black clay diagonal goods suitable for all year wear, and are cheap at prices first marked.

Men's fine dress pants were \$2.25 cut for this sale to \$1.75

Men's \$2.00 corduroy pants cut to \$1.50

Men's \$10.00 heavy melton suits cut to \$6.00

A great bargain at former price.

Men's \$8.00 overcoats cut to \$4.00

These are very stylishly made a coat other stores would ask you \$10.00 for.

Men's \$10.00 overcoat cut to \$6.00

Made of very fine blue beaver cloth; to see them is to buy one.

Men's \$6.00 storm overcoats cut to \$3.50

Made of heavy chinchilla cloth has that high collar that protects the neck and throat, just the thing for cold stormy days.

12c Scotch plaids cut to 10c

Very suitable for children's school dresses or ladies waists.

100 mohairs cut to 60c

Cream white and those beautiful floral designs. This would be lasting and appreciated Xmas presents to your wife or daughter

12c cotton flannel cut to 10c

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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Hives are supposed to be caused by an acid stomach. A simple remedy and one which is usually very successful is this: Every morning for three mornings and immediately upon arising take a cup of milk in which has been stirred one tablespoonful of bicarbonate of soda and a half teaspoonful of flowers of sulphur; for a child a teaspoonful of the soda is sufficient, and in either case the sulphur may be dispensed with, as the main thing is the alkali to neutralize the acid stomach.

It is a good plan to wash figs and dates before giving them to children, or, for that matter, to anyone. Their sweetness attracts insects and their stickiness makes them a perfect home for dust and its undesirable germs. Yet most people seem never to think of this at all. Washing will not impair the flavor; on the contrary, it makes them more agreeable to the sight and touch, as well as to the taste.

A use for old feather beds: Comforters that are a very close imitation of down can be made from a feather bed. Make a tick of thin material, such as longcloth, the size of the quilt desired. Put in the feathers, arrange evenly and tie closely. Outside of this either silk, muslin or silk-oline covers may be used, knotted at wide intervals with narrow ribbon or woolsen twines.

To keep dress shirts free from wrinkles they should be folded down the centre front, then the doubled skirt folded in thirds, and a large safety pin thrust through the folds. The safety pin, when fastened, is used as a hanger, and in this way the shirt hangs straight, with no strain on any part of the waistband.

A cloth saturated in gasoline and rubbed over porcelain bowls, tubs, etc., will remove dirt like magic.

Salt thrown into the oven immediately after anything has been burned in it will make the objectionable odor less disagreeable.

A piece of ammonia will keep gloves in good condition if placed in the box with them. Care must be taken, however, that the ammonia does not touch the gloves.

Oil marks on wall paper can be removed by applying a paste made of pipe clay and cold water. Leave this on all night and brush it off in the morning. A second application may possibly be necessary.

It's an excellent idea to pass grated American or Parmesan cheese with tomato sauce which is to be used on rice or macaroni or with such dishes cooked with tomatoes. Not every one likes the cheese mixture, but many do. By serving the cheese separately all are suited.

To prepare potato shells in which to serve creamed potato or potato salad, bake large, regularly shaped potatoes until they are just tender, not a bit over tender. Cut the potatoes in two horizontally and cut out the potato without breaking the shells. Then, with the fingers, press out the wrinkles of the shells, brush them inside and out with melted butter and put them in a cold place until they are wanted. The butter gives them a gloss. High-class chefs often brush the outside of baked potatoes with melted butter before sending them to the table to give them a polished look.

Vinegar will remove water stains from glass, such as fish globes.

Orange peel thrown on an open fire gives forth a pleasing odor in the room.

Butcher's or grocer's deep cuffs or sleeves made especially for the purpose are very useful in protecting a good waist when one is about the kitchen. But when one is not in possession of these a very good substitute may be found by removing the sleeves from a worn gauze vest. An old pair of sleeve linings have also served the purpose well.

Apple pies with raisins are far from novel, except as they have been forgotten in the search for further luscious desserts. Cut up your apples and turn them with a goodly proportion of seeded raisins into an under crust lining a pie tin. Put on the cover, but do not pinch it against the lower crust, and bake. When the apples are tender remove the upper crust without breaking it, season the apples with sugar mixed with tiny tabs of butter and with cinnamon, stirring it into the fruit carefully, and then put on the top crust. The pie is delicious, hot or cold.

The dishcloth in many homes is a breeding place for microbes, and contains more disease germs than almost anything else of the same size. Many diseases are in a large measure, caused by filthy dish-rags, contaminated water and impure air. The cheese cloth bags that sugar is sold in make good dish-cloths and towels for wiping dishes. It is a good plan to have sets for constant use. These in use should be washed every morning in warm water with soda, ammonia or washing powder, then rinsed and hung in the air to dry, while the other set is in use. Besides this, it is well to wash each time after using, and to boil them once a week. Keep your dish-rags clean, sunned and aired if you value the health of your family.

So many people find it hard to keep their kitchen floors in good condition. This method may help them. Wash with soda and water. After sprinkling with a heaping teaspoonful of soda on any grease spots, pour boiling water over it, then take a mop and wipe up the whole floor. This is far more satisfactory than scrubbing, for it will take out grease spots without the use of "elbow grease." This will also keep the floor snowy white as well as clean.

In the South, where the sweet potato is at home, it is almost universally baked. Boiling wastes some of its sugar.

Fried tomatoes are delicious served with white sauce into which curry has been stirred.

Whalebone that has become bent can be made straight by soaking it in tepid water for about twenty minutes or longer.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Little Paragraphs That will Interest Every Member of the Household

The average number of teeth is 32.
Give your collar a ventilation every few days.

The average weight of an adult is 150 pounds 6 ounces.

The points of the country cover a space of 363,000 acres.

There are more than 200 Chinese restaurants in Chicago.

Don't cross your legs if you do not want to get appendicitis.

Sailors on railways of United States profit \$6,000,000 a year by wage settlement.

When the president comes back from Panama the people will know all about the canal.

A Buffalo dry goods firm recently advertised in the papers of that city: "Shirts—waists—underwear."

More than 1000 acres of land in Iowa are planted to cucumbers for the purpose of securing the seed only.

Over 50 pounds, or one load and one and one-half pints of blood pass through the heart in an hour.

An elephant farm has been started in Texas, a state into which the elephant has recently dared to venture.

There is some talk of establishing a "model city" near Pittsburgh. If it is too near Pittsburgh it will not be model very long.

It takes just one second of time for electricity to travel 238,000 miles; a greater distance than from the earth to the moon.

It is not generally known that the government has in its employ a man who does nothing in all the year around but kill mountain lions.

The Waukegan cigarette trust are seeking to capture the whole world's cigarette leaf. The Turkish government is fighting them now.

The United States will, in future wars, put a metal tag around the neck of each soldier in order to identify them in case they are killed.

The American hen lays enough eggs in a year to reach around the world fourteen times and even then she could rest long enough to fly around it herself.

Sumatra grows the largest flower in the world. It measures a yard and three inches across and its cup will hold six quarts of water. Rafflesia Arnoldii is its name.

The United States now holds the record of "farthest north," 87 degrees 6 minutes. This feat was accomplished by Commander Robert E. Peary of the United States Navy.

The Kansas editor who said "The trousers of Bertha Krupp, the richest girl in the world, cost only \$2.50" perhaps trusted the reading of the proof to the office boy, who had never heard of a trousers.

The prejudice which existed a year ago among farmers against the auto is fast dying out. They recognize that it has come to stay and many of them now own and operate the most up-to-date road vehicles.

Corn cobs are for "snapple syrup" and denatured alcohol. Corn and wheat are now to be used for making artificial rubber for automobile and bicycle tires and for golf balls—in fact for any use to which rubber is put.

In Korea a man is not permitted to wear trousers until he is married. We may add that in Korea the married man seldom has any cause to fear that he will have no clothes to wear the trousers which he has so dearly won.

All corn and grain have been eliminated from the diet of the four Cape Buffalo cows in the Central park menagerie in an effort to coax the stock to pay a visit to their paddock. There have not been any young buffaloes of the African kind in the park for several years and Director Smith has upon a scheme which he thinks will overcome the deficiency. If successful, it will show how the lack of youngsters in a community may be done away with by easy treatment. The director is confident of winning out, because his theory is based upon a long observation of many animals under his charge.

A town that never has anything to do in a public way is soon the way to the cemetery. Any citizen who will do nothing for his own is helping to dig the grave. A man who curses the town furnishes the coffin. The man who is so selfish as to have no time from his own business to give to the city affairs is making the shroud. The man who will not advertise is driving the hearse. The man who is always pulling back from any public enterprise throws bouquets on the grave. The man who is so stingy as to be howling at times, preaches the funeral sermon, sings the doxology and thus the town is buried from all care and sorrow.

Now comes the season of discontent, when your body with chills is sorely rent, your summer's wages almost spent, your winter's song the Ozymandias Lament. Ains't too soon, you will discover, that troubled dream of the loving lover, the dirge of a life that in fancy hover, the result of your wife swiping all the cover.

German scientists announce that the material for a man weighing 150 pounds can be put in the white and yolk of 1,200 hens' eggs. Reduced to a fluid the average man would yield ninety-eight cubic meters of illuminating gas and hydrogen enough to fill a balloon capable of lifting 155 pounds. The normal human body has in it the fuel needed to make seven large nails, the fat for four feet gross of crayons and phosphorus enough for 820,000 matches. Out of it can be obtained braises twenty coffee spoons of salt, fifty lumps of sugar and forty-two liters of water.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 25, 1906.
It is a rather interesting indication of the feelings through the great West that the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress should have turned down Mr. Bryan as its chief. This matter has its hinge in the fact that only because of Mr. Bryan's ill health and looks but also because Secretary Root and a number of other government officials were honored guests before the Congress and it was shown by the outcome, that their consoling, rather than those of the eminent Nebraska, prevailed. Secretary Root, bearing a message from the administration which could hardly be mistaken, spoke earnestly in favor of a Ship Subsidy Bill and also said certain things in favor of the Monroe Doctrine, which were gratefully to the people at large and which the South American diplomats were doubtless also glad to hear. Then arose Mr. Bryan. He ignored the Ship Subsidy Bill and he presented to the Convention two resolutions, the one favoring international arbitration, on which he had made his reputation before the Inter-Parliamentary Union in England and the other characteristically Democratic denouncing trusts and monopolies of every sort. Note the result. The Convention knew that the present administration was doing all it was humanly could in the matter of "trust busting." It knew also that we stood for international arbitration, witness the attitude of the President in being the first call for the re-assembling of the Hague conference. But it turned down these two resolutions of Nebraska origin and it incorporated in the report of its resolution committee a most stirring endorsement of the Monroe Doctrine, and a further endorsement, not of the Ship Subsidy Bill, but of the upbuilding of the American Merchant Marine with the incidental remark that it agreed thoroughly with the presentment that had been made by Secretary Root.

This side stepping of the Ship Subsidy Bill proposition was no doubt a judicious avoidance of trouble. The Ship Subsidy Bill is going to be an expensive luxury. It probably will secure the results at which it aims, but it has acquired during the past session of Congress a "yellow dog" reputation, and there will be many hard things said when the bill is finally forced to a passage.

This promises to be an interesting Congressional session. The President will have behind him the support of many members in both houses for the things that he proposes doing. At the same time he has in mind some things that will cause a decided disunion among the members of the majority and there will be cliques and internal intrigues besides which the insinuations of the last Congress will be apt to look small. The inheritance tax is one of these things. Such legislation is contemplated and almost certainly will be pushed. There is also a strong sentiment for tariff revision which will have to be reckoned with; but the stand patters, who are opposed to all talk of tariff adjustment, see in the inheritance tax an additional menace to their position. One need only look back to the days of the Spanish war to find what an inheritance tax is likely to bring in.

There was a graduated duty of this sort imposed among the war taxes. It did not last quite four years, but starting with \$1,500,000 in the first year, it had produced \$5,200,000 in the third year and was progressing at the rate of \$7,000,000 a year when it was repealed. Now if the President starts in seriously with his avowed proposal to reduce swollen fortunes it is a certainty that this inheritance tax law will not be long in bringing in \$20,000,000 a year. This will be very nice for the poor tax-payer, but it will more than ever increase his desire to see the tariff reduced to a point where it will not produce so much revenue. This is where the stand-patter will feel the shoe pinch, and it is only natural that he will not look with favor on any law that will weaken his position.

Attention is being called to more trouble in the West by Judge Prouty, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, that the Colorado Fuel & Iron, the Utah Fuel Company and a number of other allied mining and railroad interests had been having a perfect carnival of good thing out of the governmental land-farmer in the West for many years past. This report of Judge Prouty has never been committed to print, but it will furnish interesting reading and it tallies closely with current reports that an ex-official of the Interior Department has maintained for some years in Washington as a lobbyist before the Interior Department and before Congress were the interests of the Colorado Fuel & Iron were in jeopardy. The Secretary of the Interior has begun an investigation on this case, but in the nature of things he cannot finish it in his present term of office and it will be another legacy turned over by him to prospective Secretary Garfield.

A decision has been reached by Postmaster General Cartwright to give the contract for printing United States postage stamps to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing after all, in spite of the fact that the Bureau was slightly underbid by the American Bank Note Company on proposals for the stamps a few weeks ago. The difference in favor of the lower bid amounted to about \$17,000 but there was no mandatory law which would compel the acceptance of this bid and the Postmaster General decided that all things considered, it would not be economy to throw the postage stamp plant of the Bureau out of commission and leave the machinery standing idle or else sell it, probably at a loss, to the company which had put in a lower bid for the stamps.

BEAUTIFUL THOUGHT

Do to-day's duty, fight to-day's temptations, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see and could not understand if you saw them. God gives us nights to shut down the curtain of darkness on our little days. We cannot see beyond. Short horizons make life easier and give us one of blessed secrets of brave, true, holy living.

Cheerfulness is like music to the soul; it excites to the duty, it oils the wheels of affliction, makes duties light and religion rides swiftly on the wings of delight.

Be true to thy friend. Never speak of his faults to another, to show thine own discrimination; but open thine all to him with candor and true gentleness. Forgive all his errors and his sins, be they ever so many; but do not excuse the slightest deviation from rectitude. Never forbear to do sent from a false opinion, or a wrong practice, nor seek thus to have thine own weakness sustained; for these things cannot be done without injury to the soul.

Day by day faithfully to do one's work and be restless for no more; without bitterness to accept obscurity for ambition; to possess all vital passions and to govern them; to stand on the world's thoroughfare and see the young generations hurrying by; and to put into the hands of a youth, here and there, a light which will burn long after one's own personal taper is extinguished; to look back upon years already gone as not without usefulness and honor, and forward to what may remain as safe at least from failure or any form of shame and therefore one's self to feel the humility of the part before the greatness of the whole of life and yet the privileges and duties of the individual to the race—this brings blessedness, if not happiness.

To lose self-control is to lose the key to any situation. No man who cannot hold himself in hand can expect to hold others. It has been well said that, in any discussion or disagreement with another, if you are in the wrong you cannot afford to lose your temper, and if you are in the right there is no occasion to. Or, as a lawyer has wittily put it, "Possession is nine points of the law; self-possession is ten."

All men have their frailties, and whoever looks for a friend without imperfection will never find what he seeks. We love ourselves notwithstanding our faults, and we ought to love our friends in like manner.

Have courage enough to review your own conduct, to condemn it where you detect your own faults, to amend it to the best of your ability, to make good resolve for your future guidance, and to keep them.

It is never too soon nor ever too late to press home on ourselves questions like the following: What spirit dwells in my heart? What good have I been doing? What works of love have I done? What deeds of charity have I performed? What fruits of the spirit, what evidence of love, have I to show? We must answer these questions some day. Why not press them now on our heart and reflect upon them?

Life's real heroes and heroines are those who bear their own burdens bravely, and give helping hand to those around them.

Goodness comes within—from thought, feelings, and desires, resulting in life and actions. Greatness is the consequence of bold actions, great energy, ambition, enterprise, and perseverance.

We may be pretty certain that persons whom all the world treats ill deserve the treatment they get. The world is a looking glass and gives back to everyone the reflection of their face. Frown at it, it will in turn look sourly upon you; laugh at it, and with it, and it is a kind and pleasant companion; and so let all take their choice.

When you rise in the morning form a resolution to make

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Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 3:30 p. m., 6:30 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—7:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 3:30 p. m., 6:30 p. m. and 8 p. m.
For Atlantic—7:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 3:30 p. m., 6:30 p. m. and 8 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 9:30 a. m. and 8:45 p. m.

Local News

Leave your laundry at D. C. PLEASANT'S, corner Main and Chest streets.

Gather Walnuts and take them to MORTIMER'S.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain, 75c cash. Satisfaction guaranteed. J. C. GREEN.

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Take your Walnuts to C. S. MORTIMER'S and get the highest cash prices.

WANTED.—A good white woman for general house work. Small family and good wages. Apply at

THE OFFICE

Dr. G. A. Burton, Dental successor to W. E. Barnard, Office adjoining Post Office. Extraction by painless methods free of charge when artificial sets are made.

MASTOXYL will pay cash for Black Walnuts in the shell.

FOR SALE.—Chicken house, 18 by 48 feet, nearly new, with 100 sashes. Apply to George F. Lee, Middletown, Del.

FOR SALE.—Twenty pigs, 7 to 8 weeks old, good ones, \$5 per pair. Also 25 young ewes, and a South Down buck. W. C. THOMAS, 3 miles N. E. of Odesa, Del.

Do not neglect your teeth. A little attention now will save you much pain and expense later on. Dr. J. ALLEN JOHNSON, Middletown, will make examination and estimate without charge. Gas given for painless extracting.

A few very fine Rhode Island Red Cockerels for sale, weighing from 7 to 8 pounds, must be sold by November 20th. C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

Pure Buckwheat Flour at EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

Hustlers wanted everywhere \$25 to \$30 made weekly. Distributing Circulars, packages, over-sewing Out Door Advertising. Experience not needed, new plan. No canvassing. Address, Merchants Out Door Advertising Co., 79 Dearborn St., Chicago.

FOR SALE.—The "Val Farm," con-taining 120 acres, at Hickory Grove, 2 miles from Delaware City. This is an exceptionally fine farm. Also the home farm of Thomas Reed, near Chesapeake City, containing 110 acres, with every thing in complete order. These are two fine homes. GEORGE W. INGRAM.

WANTED.—Married man to work on Dairy Farm. Address Mr. CHARLES G. RUPERT, Wilmington, Del.

We want to keep it impressed on your mind that when in need of any kind of printing you should get our prices before getting out the work. We are in a position to do all kinds of work quickly and at a reasonable price.

Mr. Maurice M. Burstan of this having completed a course in Optics has open an office at his residence, East Main St., opposite the Methodist Church, where he will be pleased to test eyes free of charge. See ad. in this issue.

We are in receipt of a handsome catalogue issued by the Best Squab Co., Delmar, Del. If you are interested in Homer pigeons for profit write them for a free catalogue.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post-office for the week ending Nov. 22: 1 John Little Blake, Mrs. Harriett Brinkley, Mr. W. Black (colored), Mr. P. T. Carle, Jr.

The programme for the New Century Club next week is: Business meeting; Current Events Class; "Stratford-on-Avon," Mrs. W. B. Biggs; Music; A selected reading from Stoddard.

Another pleasant little dance was given at the Century Club room last Wednesday evening. Those present were: Misses Louise Cochran, Justine Peverley, Helen Cochran, Grace Parvis, Helen Brady, Bertie Cochran, Maria Noland, Carrie McAleer, Mary Mowland and Messrs. J. C. Parker, George D. Kelley, Jr., Sidney Peverley, Harry Lockwood, Isaac Gibbs, Harry S. Brady and James Woodall.

The New Century Club of Middletown delightfully entertained on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. F. H. Moore of Forest Presbyterian Church, gave a lecture on England, describing his trip through that country during the past summer. Miss Hatchin gave two instrumental solos. Mrs. Fred Brady a vocal solo. The Odesa Club had been invited to attend the lecture and tea, and of the Club, Mrs. F. B. Watkins, Mrs. D. W. Corbett, Mrs. W. V. Woods, Mrs. Lee Sparks, Mrs. Carrie Appleton, Mrs. J. G. Brown, Mrs. G. E. Coppage, Mrs. Joseph Enos, Mrs. William Davis and Miss Marian Miffin were present. About fifty Middletown members were present. Salad, biscuit, coffee and olives were served.

The Operetta "Cinderella," which was given in the Opera House on Thanksgiving night and repeated on Friday night, was remarkably fine. Most of those taking part were school children, there being thirty-two ladies, twenty pages, six courtiers, eighteen court ladies, besides those taking the principal parts, making in all about one hundred persons. Each took his or her part so well that it is not fair to praise any special one. "Sweet Cinderella" was a very sweet indeed, and the Prince a real "prince charming." The fairies were sweet to look upon and did beautifully. On Thursday night the hall was crowded, the gallery filled and people standing. On Friday night the hall was comfortably filled. Of the proceeds, three-fourths will go toward the piano fund for the school, and one-fourth will be given to the library, to purchase such books as will be of use to the High School pupils.

COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE

Many Teachers in Attendance and Splendid Lectures Heard.

The oratory of Delaware College, at Newark, was well filled Monday morning with the teachers of New Castle county, assembled in their thirty-second annual institute.

The session was opened by the assembled throng of instructors singing "The Witness of God's Mercy," under the able direction of Miss H. M. Smedley, supervisor of music in the Media and Coatesville (Pa.) schools, with Miss E. May Hersey at the piano.

Scriptural responsive reading followed, led by Superintendent Spaid, the portion being taken from Isaiah, fourth chapter. After the reading an eloquent appeal for Divine guidance for the session was made by the Rev. W. F. Corkran, D. D., of Newark, following which Dr. George A. Harter, president of Delaware College, made a very brief address of welcome, saying, among other things:

"I esteem it a privilege to welcome you on behalf of the college, and the community, and appreciate the numbers sent here through your efforts, and invite you to inspect our institution."

Superintendent Spaid responded briefly, voicing the appreciation of the body of teachers for the privilege of holding the session in the oratory of the college, reverting to the inadequacy of the appropriation made for the institute, which amount, were it not for this courtesy, would go for hall rental instead of instructors. Continuing, the superintendent urged those present to pay close attention to the addresses to be made, being punctual in attending, concluding by introducing Dr. Joseph S. Walton, the first speaker of the institute.

FIFTEENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Shuster, "The Rocks," near Odesa, was the scene of a happy occasion on Tuesday evening, when a large number of their relatives and friends gathered to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding. The evening was an occasion of great enjoyment to those present, who passed the time by playing games and in general conversation. At 11 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room, where an elaborate menu was served.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. Among those present were:

Mr. William Webb, Mrs. Phillip Truitt, Mr. Edward Freek and son Raymond, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Joseph Webb, Clayton Vought and sister Miss Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. William Webb, of Galt, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. John Bingham and family, Mr. John Fox and son, Messrs. Harry and Andrew West, Joseph Heller and Joseph Hildmyer, Harry Knotts, Edward Peckard, Isaac Lightcap, Miss Bingham, Mrs. Harry Peckard, Miss Emma West, Miss Clara and Maud Douglas, Grace Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webb, Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph, Miss Joseph and sister Miss E. A. George Bennett, Miss Lucy and George Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. George Komer and son William, Mr. and Mrs. George Cronch and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bingham and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rider.

CHURCH NOTES

The Rev. F. H. Moore will preach in the Armstrong Chapel on to-morrow, Sunday, afternoon. Service begins at 2:30 o'clock.

The Rev. R. L. Hallett and the Rev. Greer A. Foote will preach in the Forest Church on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week.

Dr. Lightbourne will begin Sunday night, a series of sermons on "Popular Announcements." The first will be on the general subject; the second on the "Dance;" the third on "Card Playing;" the fourth on the "Theatre."

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the audience room of the M. E. Church every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for next Tuesday evening is: "Temperance and how to meet them." 1 John 2:15-16; James 1:13-15; Matt. 4:3-11; 1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 12:3. Leader, Mrs. C. S. Montgomery.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on Sunday morning, December the ninth, and services will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of next week. The Preparatory Service being on Friday evening.

WARWICK

Miss Lillian Maalen, of Rock Hall, is visiting Miss Bessie R. Merritt.

Miss Willie Allen, of Friends School, Wilmington, spent the Holidays with her parents here.

Mrs. Arabella Piser is on the sick list.

Mr. John Lattimus spent Sunday in Chester, Pa.

Mrs. W. Ray Janinon, of Wilmington, is visiting her parents here.

Mr. P. F. Johns spent Saturday in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Lonne Beaton, of Cayote, is the guest of Miss Agnes Crowley.

Last Wednesday about 3:15 o'clock, P. M., the cry of fire was heard and it proved to be the large gambling house of Mr. Wilson Merritt. One end of the building was used as a dwelling for the watchman Frank Worden, but he was absent when the fire started. In less than an hour's time the building was burned to the ground. The origin of the fire was a mystery. Mr. Merritt's loss will exceed \$2,000, with no insurance. Frank Worden had \$15 hidden away in a box in a corner where junk was piled, doubtless had been on the premises at the time he could have saved it and his household goods.

Delaware Products. According to a recent bulletin of the Department of Commerce and Labor there are in Delaware 681 manufacturing establishments representing capital to the amount of \$50,925,630 and employing 18,475 men, women and children who earn \$8,158,203 annually. The expenses of the companies last year were \$2,691,218, the value of material used \$29,883,826 and the value of the manufactured products \$41,169,276. In the industries 2,065 women over 16 years of age, and 649 children under 16 years are employed.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Taylor spent Sunday in Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor spent Tuesday in Havre de Grace, Md.

Mrs. C. A. H-ficker and son John are visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Carrie West, of Wilmington, is the guest of Miss Florence Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett were entertained on Sunday by friends near Smyrna.

Messrs. John Lynch and Sanders Dillon, of Wilmington, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Fournere.

Misses Dora and Jessie Culbertson, of Wilmington, were Thanksgiving visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shepherd.

Miss Katharine Allen and brother, Oscar, of Laurel, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. David Allen this week.

Miss Sylvia Moore, of Cheltenham, Pa., is spending the Thanksgiving Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Lee and little son took Thanksgiving dinner with his father, Capt. W. E. Lee, at "Evergreen Farm."

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Metten and son Murray, of Wilmington, spent part of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. M. Metten.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meindinall and children, of Wilmington, spent Thanksgiving Day with her father, Mr. Charles P. Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Reese Parker entertained Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Slaughter, of Dover, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker and Jay Parker on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. S. C. Henderson and two daughters, Misses Julia and Josephine, of Los Angeles, Cal., are spending several days with Capt. W. E. Lee, at "Evergreen Farm."

SHOULD HAVE BOARD OF TRADE

Would be a Big Help to Middletown If Our People Would Get Together.

Middletown should have a Board of Trade. It could be made of immense benefit to the town in various ways. As a rule these boards confine their attention chiefly to building up a town's business, encouraging the establishment of industries to give people employment, but there are also other lines in which they work.

In every community there are a lot of things which go neglected because of its being no one's business in particular to attend to them. What's everybody's business is nobody's business, and that particular class of business is just what a Board of Trade is expected to do.

In lots of towns we could mention, new industries have been established through the efforts of a Board of Trade, while had there been no such board those opportunities would have been permitted to slip, because what's everybody's business is nobody's business, and persons laying these matters before the Boards of Trade would not have worked them up themselves.

We venture that there are business men in Middletown to-day who see opportunities right along for this town to help itself but their time is taken up by their own business, and as it is no more their affair than anybody else's, they think about it a while and then say to themselves "What's the use. People will say I've a scheme up my sleeve to get something out of it myself."

And so it goes.

Now, if the people of Middletown will get together and organize a Board of Trade with good live officers, within a year you would see a different town.

If some one will make the start the rest will be easy.

TOWNSEND

Mr. and Mrs. Chipman, of Lincoln City, has been visiting L. Stockley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lee and son, of Odesa, visited in town over Sunday.

Miss Julia Wells entertained a number of her friends on Tuesday evening in honor of her 15 birthday.

Mrs. Edward Hart and Mrs. Richard Hodgson visited Smyrna on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phillips, of near St. Georges, spent Sunday with Edward Hart.

Miss Edwelyn Maloney chaperoned her Sunday School class of about twenty members, at the Operetta "Cinderella," in Middletown, Thursday evening.

W. H. Reynolds and wife entertained on Thanksgiving Day, Miss Ethel Money, of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Abram Hayden and son, of Middletown; Miss Lena Baker, of Dover, and her sister, Miss Mervel Beauchamp, of Harrington.

Misses Anna Jones and Louise Ratledge, students of the West Chester State Normal School, spent Thanksgiving week with their parents.

Mrs. Ella Ernest, of Philadelphia, visited her sister, Mrs. Jennie Staats, several days of the past week.

Mrs. D. B. Maloney, who has been very sick for several days, is greatly improved.

Miss Emma Chlois, of Newark, will visit friends here the latter part of next week.

Miss Maud Castle, of Riverton, N. J., is visiting friends in and near town.

Martinez Gibson and family, of Kent Island, returned home on Tuesday, after spending several weeks with Richard Hutchison, near town.

Archie Finley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and son Hart visited Wilmington on Wednesday.

Miss Edwelyn Maloney entertained a number of friends on Thanksgiving Day. Edward Hart was in Wilmington Monday.

Mrs. Walter Hart and two daughters were in Wilmington on Monday.

Thanksgiving services were held in Immanuel Church on Thursday morning.

ODESSA

Miss Catherine Whitlock is the guest of friends in Baltimore, Md.

Rev. W. E. Gunby was a Greensboro, Md., visitor on Thursday of last week.

Mr. Fred Kumpel, of Medford, N. J., visited his parents here during the past week.

Misses Jaquettow and Helen Weller were Philadelphia visitors part of last week.

Miss M. Eaton, of Port Penn, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Vandegrift, at "Plane Tree."

Mr. George Rose, of Wilmington, spent Thursday here with his sister, Mrs. Z. T. Athler.

Miss Ethel Ward has returned home after spending sometime with relatives in Chester, Pa.

Mrs. Harry Stephenson is entertaining her friends, Mrs. William B. Massey, of Greensboro, Md.

Miss Frances April, of Wallington, Pa., spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. April.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Stevens entertained on Thanksgiving Day Mr. John F. Woodford, of Philippi, W. Va.

Mrs. H. F. Spicer, of Ardmore, Pa., spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. C. P. Spicer, near town.

Mr. Edward Rhein, of Philadelphia, spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. W. C. Rhein and wife.

Mr. O. C. Stevens who has been in West Virginia for the past month is here spending a few days at his home.

Miss Cornelia Townsend, of New York, is spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Townsend.

Misses Mary April and Emma Carpenter, students of West Chester State Normal School, are visiting their parents.

Misses Frances Husband, Ethel Malley, Gertha Van Sant, Jimmie Short and Lydia Lloyd, teachers, attended the Institute held in Newark this week.

ST. GEORGES

Albert Stewart spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Elida Jones entertained Mrs. John Vall one day this week.

Miss Edna Stetson is the guest of her uncle, Dr. and Mrs. DeWitt.

Miss Valeria Genn, of McDonough, spent Thursday with Miss Anna Gray.

Mrs. Albert Forman, of New York, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Milligan.

Miss Violet Gray is spending this week with Miss Bertie Reynolds, near Kirkwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Simmons are spending the week with her parents near Newark.

Miss Maybel Jones, of Bear Station, is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Elida Jones.

Miss Edie White, of Clayton, spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Frank Peterson and family.

Miss Eleanor McCoy, of Notre Dame College, Baltimore, Md., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. McCoy.

Miss Sara Milligan, of Philadelphia, is spending the Thanksgiving Holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Milligan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lynch, of Iron Hill, were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Trux, one day last week.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society held a very enjoyable social on Wednesday evening in honor of its leader, Miss Sara Milligan.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jones entertained their nieces, Mrs. Thomas Crossland, of Salem, N. J., and Miss Bessie Jones, of this place.

CECILTON

E. S. Short spent Friday of last week in Baltimore.

J. H. Smith is spending a few days of this week in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Miss Julia P. Dushane spent a few days with Miss Annie Jones.

Deputy Game Warden Thomas R. Hall has returned from a two weeks' stay on the Flats.

Miss Frances Griffith was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Anderson on Sunday.

Mrs. T. P. Jones is spending a few days with her parents, Julian Jones and wife, of Kennedysville.

Mrs. J. E. Jarrell and daughter Daisy, of Viola, Del., are spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hoover.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, of Galena, spent Sunday with friends in town.

HOME PAPER AN EDUCATOR

The local paper should be found in every home. No child will grow up ignorant who is taught to appreciate the home paper. It may be called the stepping stone of intelligence in general.

Information of all those matters not found in books. If you give your children only city paper which contain little or nothing about persons they know or places they have seen how can you expect them to interest? Let them have the home paper and read of people whom they meet and of places with which they are familiar.

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Administrator's SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, made at the request of J. N. Venable, A. D. 1906, he is exposed to sale at Public Vendue,

On Thursday, December 20, 1906.

At 2 o'clock P. M., on the premises in Mill Creek Hundred, near Eden Station on the Landenberg Branch of the B. & O. R. R., the following described Real Estate, late of William Clark, deceased, to-wit:

A lot or piece of land situate in Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware, and bounded and described as follows to-wit:

Bounded Northwesterly by the Pennsylvania State Line, Easterly by land of Anna B. Kelton and Hugh Kelly, Southerly and Southwesterly by lands of Hugh Kelly and Thomas B. Hoopes. Containing by estimation six acres of land, more or less, with an adjoining tract of land situate in the State of Pennsylvania, forming a message and tract of land bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in a line of land of Thomas B. Hoopes; thence by land formerly of Jane R. Cooper, North thirteen and a half degrees East, one hundred and twenty perches; and sixty-four hundredths to a stone; thence by lands of Anna B. Kelton, South seventy-seven and a quarter degrees East thirty-five perches to a stone; South seventy-one and a quarter degrees West thirty-seven perches to a stone; and South seventy-two and a quarter degrees East twenty-eight perches to a stone in a private road; and along said road North forty-eight degrees East four perches to a stone, and leaving the said road South thirty-eight and a quarter degrees East eighty-seven perches and four hundredths to a stone; thence by lands formerly of George Thompson, (now Hugh Kelly) and Thomas B. Hoopes, South eighty-one and a quarter degrees West one hundred and thirty-three perches and twenty-four hundredths to the place of Beginning. Containing fifty acres, more or less.

At the same time and place the portion of the above described farm that is situate in the State of Pennsylvania, will be sold under the orders of the Courts of that State.

Attendance will be given and terms made known by

LOUISA M. CLARK and JOHN ROSS CLARK, Administratrix of William A. Clark, deceased, or by their Attorney, Francis M. Walker, Esq.

Attest: Joseph C. Jolls, Clerk O. C. of New Castle County, Delaware, November 28, 1906.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale, at his residence on Elk Street, Warwick, Md.,

Saturday, December 1st, 1906.

At 1 o'clock P. M.,

The following described Personal Property, to-wit:

1 BAY HORSE. BAY CLIFT, good driver single or double, will work anywhere. This horse is 14 years old, 16 hands high, and will suit any young man for a driver.

One York Carriage, as good as new; 2 sets of Carriage Harness, 1 Sleigh, new; 2 straps of Belts, new; 2 new Hay Riggers, new; 1 Cyprian Locomotor, 1800 model, 240 cc capacity; 5 boilers, stands of Bees, patent lives; 1 Grindstone, Blanks, Lap Robes, Whips, etc.

100 bushels of V. W. Potatoes, by the bushel; 1 Iron Pump, Buckeye, in first class order; 100 lbs. Honey, in one lb. boxes.

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of \$10 and under Cash, on sums over that amount, a credit of (3) Three Months will be given on bankable note.

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Valuable Real Estate FOR SALE!

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale, in the town of Odesa, Del., on the premises,

On Saturday, December 8, 1906

At 2 o'clock P. M.,

the House and store property late of William A. Rhodes, Jr. For further information see sale bill, or write or call upon the undersigned.

RUTH N. RHODES,

Administratrix of William A. Rhodes, Jr., George L. Townsend, Jr., Attorney, Wilmington, Del.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1906 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT LEVY'S HOTEL, in ODESSA, DECEMBER 10th, 1906, From 10:30 A. M. to 3:30 P. M.

AT STEWART'S HOTEL, in PORT PENN., DECEMBER 20th, 1906, From 10:30 A. M. to 3 P. M.

and at the County Tax Collector's Office, South Broad street, Middletown, Del., every day during the month of November from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Said bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

She was sitting at the card table, and in a desultory way was building houses with the cards. She had dressed for dinner early, so she knew she would not be interrupted by the rest of the house party; and she was glad, because she was in a restless mood and had an intense desire to be alone.

He looked very despondent as he came in. He had also made a hasty toilet, hoping to have a little more time to himself, and he started when he saw there was someone else in the room; but his countenance brightened visibly when he recognized who it was.

Apparently she had not seen him come in, for not a movement, not a sign did she make. Only the frail structure of cards felt the trembling of her hand and collapsed suddenly in a disastrous ruin.

She began to build another. He came forward somewhat abruptly and sat down in the chair opposite her.

Where is everybody else? he asked, just to break the silence, not because he wanted to know.

She shrugged her pretty shoulders nonchalantly, but would not look at him.

I imagine they are all dressing for dinner, he answered.

He was piqued at her indifferent attitude. They had quarrelled yesterday, and this was the first time they had spoken since. He had asked her to marry him, and she had said neither yes nor nay, and all through the interview had skillfully evaded any direct answer. And he had lost his temper and said a great many things he did not mean.

His brows met in a deep frown, and he looked very cross. She glanced at him quickly, and then went on with her house of cards.

One told me you are going to-morrow, she said, as she deftly balanced one card on another. The success of the building appeared to be of far more importance than the knowledge of his movements.

He looked away into space with his chin a little raised.

For a wonder, the same one is right, he said shortly.

The card building again collapsed, and she made a little gesture of impatience.

Then you are really going to break up the party? she said with elaborate cheerfulness.

I don't think my absence will make much difference to anyone, he said with a mirthless laugh.

And where are you going? The Belvoirs have asked me I shall stay with them for a week. She paused with a card in each hand, and the light died out of her eyes.

Your presence will make a good deal of difference there, she said slowly.

Will it? indifferently. I have not the slightest idea of whom the party consists.

But Miss Belvoir is at home? Her words came sharply, and almost as if against her will.

I daresay—I hope so, he answered. Miss Belvoir and I always get on well together.

There is not much doubt about that, she replied hastily, and then could have bitten her tongue out for having spoken in such a way.

She had taken up the cards again and begun her architectural designs once more. He tried not to look at her, but the lamp above caught a gleam of her hair, and his wayward eyes turned to the sweet face in spite of himself.

What are you doing? he asked somewhat abruptly.

I am building houses of cards, she said with a faint smile. She noticed that the frown had left his face, and she was inconsequently glad.

Building castles in the air? he said thoughtfully. Ah! I wonder what companion you take with you into those castles.

Why can't I be by myself and inhabit them alone?

He shook his head. *En un tournoir un autre*, he answered, adding impatiently, It is a stupid form of amusement, anyhow—an occupation only fit for lunatics.

Do you mean, with mock indignation, building castles in the air, or building houses out of cards?

My remark applies to either. The result is the same in both cases. The air castles and the card houses always come tumbling down about one's ears, and are shattered in a moment.

He rose from his seat and walked over restlessly to the fire, where he stood by the man-

ner's side.

My card houses don't tumble down, she said, trying to look lightly.

Possibly because you don't build them very high.

I can build four stories high, he said a little more seriously.

He shook his head; then rose and stood at the back of the chair.

I am afraid I am skeptical, he said. I should like to see you do it.

Very well, we will have a bet on the result, he said, still incredulous.

I will bet you anything you like, confidently. What shall it be?

Her spirits were rising, for he had thrown off his depression and was more like his old self.

You will bet anything I like? His voice had lost its bantering tone, and he gazed at her with an intentness which should have warned her, had she been less absorbed in her thoughts.

Anything, anything? she answered gaily.

Very well, he said slowly. I will bet you the thing you desire most in the world against—yourself, that you do not build a four-storyed house of cards in ten minutes.

Myself? wonderingly. I don't understand.

I don't see any difficulty in understanding. If you fail, you give me—yourself.

You are surely joking?—a lovely red stealing into her cheeks; caused more by annoyance at being thus trapped than by any warmer sentiment.

Joking? I was never more serious in my life. But I see you are crying off. If you are so confident of your skill, what does it matter what you stake?

She smiled brightly.

Why, of course, she said. Of course it won't matter, and I warn you I shall be most exorbitant in my demand. I shall quite ruin you. You have no idea what I desire most in the world.

I don't mind. But you must be quick and begin, or the others will come down.

So she took up the cards and began carefully laying the foundations, while he held his watch in his hand and looked on breathlessly.

The first attempt was a failure, and collapsed after the second story. His excitement was growing intense, and he moved still nearer to watch her.

She began again, but her fingers were trembling so much that she found it difficult to place the cards, and once more a complete ruin rewarded her efforts.

He could not restrain an exclamation of delight.

Only four minutes more, he cried.

It isn't fair, she exclaimed impatiently. I shan't go on. You make me nervous on purpose.

Very well. I will go further away. If you don't go on, you lose your wager. You have three and a half minutes left, he finished relentlessly.

She started again at once, but this time went about it more cautiously. Slowly and surely the frail structure grew, until at last only one more card was required to complete the four stories.

He pressed nearer, his eyes aflame with excitement. With a beating heart and flushed face she lightly put on the "coping stone," and for three seconds the building stood intact, then tottered and collapsed altogether.

I won! she cried triumphantly. His faces was strangely pale.

Yes, he said draggily, and his voice did not sound like his own—there was no life left in it. Yes, you won. And now what am I to give you? What do you desire most in the world?

The pain in his eyes was reflected in hers, and she looked away. She could not bear to see his disappointment.

Will you really give me what ever I ask for? she said in a low voice.

Anything that is in my power to give. He was mechanical-

ly obedient.

Good! he said, helping her to rise, and he made by cutting strips from an old kid glove, pulling in each strip a piece of coarse string, then sewing the edges of the kid neatly together.

He took the glove and held it up to the light.

There! he said, looking at her with a triumphant smile.

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